

# Sister City Relations Strain Over Missing Paintings



**WHISKED AWAY**—Dan Rossi, 13, is being rushed to Harbor General Hospital in ambulance Thursday afternoon for checkup after he was revived from drowning in Benstead Municipal Plunge. Lifeguards gave him resuscitation after fishing him from bottom of the pool.

## Boy, 13, Saved in City Pool

A dramatic rescue by Benstead Municipal Plunge lifeguards was credited with saving the life of a 13-year-old boy Thursday afternoon.

Dan Rossi, of 2465 Howard St., told his rescuer that he was standing on the side of the pool when he was suddenly pushed into the 12-foot deep water at that spot. The boy did not know how to swim.

Lifeguard Art Sues, 23, perched on a lower next to the water, suddenly noticed a shadow on the bottom of the pool and dove in. He and another lifeguard, Tom Hammack, 19, applied the resuscitator equipment and revived the youngster in about three minutes.

Later he was taken to Harbor General Hospital for a check-up.

## Beasley to Head New Unit

"Togetherness" was the theme song of area councilmen when they met here Wednesday to form an inter-city group.

Purpose of the organization, to be made up of a councilman from each of 12 South Bay and Centinela Valley municipalities, is to discuss and solve mutual or regional problems.

Torrance Councilman J. A. Beasley is temporary chairman of the organization.

Formation of the group almost didn't get off the ground when the amount of dues, a name, and whether or not to oppose Lakewood-type contract cities split the group.

The financial problem was solved when four Torrance councilmen present volunteered that this city will pick up the tab for secretarial costs for the first six months.

Before Councilman Willy Blount suggested that Torrance stand the initial expenses, other representatives feuded over the amount and whether larger cities should pay more than smaller ones.

## District Speedup Sought

Outside engineering to complete work in connection with an involuntary assessment district, was authorized by the City Council this week.

"There's lots of people being deprived of the use of their land," declared Councilman Willy Blount.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said that the district designed to improve water service in South Torrance, could be ready in about three months, provided the engineering work is done.

The city has stopped all building in the area served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3, on grounds that water pressure is so low that the section poses a fire hazard.

The discussion came up after the council concurred with Building Superintendent Lee Schless in turning down a building permit.

## Order Theft Trial

George C. Richardson, Jr., 27, a Torrance store manager, will face trial on grand theft charges as result of his preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett Friday.

The defendant, accused of embezzling \$2000 of money orders, will be arraigned in Inglewood Superior Court on Aug. 14.

## More Than 100,000 Attend Recreation Dept. Activities

A record attendance was recorded at city recreational facilities during July when 100,000 children and adults participated in the program.

It was the busiest month observed here and coincided with the proclamation of July as Park and Recreation month.

The Benstead Municipal Plunge received the biggest play with 31,017 swimmers attending. Of these 24,000 were children and the remainder, teenagers and adults.

Of the city's parks, El Nido was the most popular with a monthly attendance of 17,105. Other parks that saw the biggest activity were El Retiro, 13,600; WALTERIA, 10,093 and McMasters, 9,613.

The less active programs also received a good attendance, with 1700 participating in the arts and crafts classes, and 4200 in the Adult Center program.

Each of 14 school playgrounds operated by the Recreation Department during the summer had an attendance of more than 1000 each during the month.



**ARTS AND CRAFTS**—Janet Thompson, 22, chosen as "Miss Recreation," brings a deft touch to the craft program given daily in the Arts and Craft Center, 1511 Cravens Ave., as one of the Recreation Department programs.



**COOLING OFF**—During the hot weather, there's always an opportunity to get a good nothing-is-as-inviting-as-a-dip-in-the-Benstead-Municipal-Plunge. After the refreshing swim, as being tried here by Janet Thompson, "Miss Recreation."



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# Playing Tots Flee in 80-Mile Chase

## Youths Captured in High Speed Chase

Three youths were captured Thursday afternoon after an 80 m.p.h. chase through residential streets in a stolen car.

Police cars driven by Don Hartel and Darrel Lanham finally bottled up the white Thunderbird in a parkway at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave. and arrested the suspects at gunpoint.

The three-mile chase endangered at least 35 children who were playing in the streets and had to rush out of the way of the speeding car, officers said.

Booked on suspicion of auto theft was Richard Allen Ebert, 19, of 1927 Mathews St., Redondo Beach, and two 17-year-old boys. One of the juveniles was the driver of the stolen car, officers said.

**Start Pursuit**  
Lanham took up pursuit on Hawthorne Blvd. south of Lomita Blvd. and radioed Hartel to block off the get-away machine at 230 St.

When the youths observed the police car in the road, they spun west on 230th St. and north on Ladeno Ave. Between 30 and 50 children were playing on the street as the car roared toward them.

At Sepulveda Blvd. the T-Bird ran the boulevard stop and turned on Anza Ave., after driving on the wrong side of the road, police said.

**U-Turn Trap**  
Another boulevard stop at Carson and Anza was ignored, but the youths were trapped when they made a U-turn into a parkway.

Officers said they found a six-pack of beer in the car as well as a rifle.

The vehicle was reported stolen in Anaheim and the suspects were turned over to that department.

In addition to the stolen car and reckless driving charges, the driver committed 18 vehicle code violations, police said.

## Policeman Is Theft Victim

A Torrance policeman and his wife were the victims of a stealthy "cat" burglar Wednesday night.

Officer Paul Singleton told detectives that while he and his wife were asleep in their apartment at 2432 Arlington Ave., the sneak thief took \$19 from the place after gaining entry through an unlocked door.



**BOOMING BUSINESS**—A new wrinkle on the old lemonade stand free enterprise by youngsters during the summer was developed by these girls. Their money-making venture includes sale of knick-knacks, golf balls, band-aids. As a bonus offer, every cash customer gets a free glass of thirst quenching soft drink. The entrepreneurs are, from left, Pamela Cochran, 12, 3113 Onrado St., where the stand is located, Pat Lancaster, 8, 3117 Onrado St., and her sister, Pam, 7, who is consuming some of the merchandise.

## Vanished Art Stirs Furor Here

Sisterly relations with Konya, Turkey degenerated into a family donnybrook this week with the sudden disappearance of a Turkish artist and the miniature paintings that were to be exhibited.

The show, which was to have been launched Aug. 9, with a reception at the Artist's Co-op Gallery, had been all arranged when suddenly the Turkish Information office in San Francisco called up Councilman Robert Jahn and asked that the paintings be returned.

**Ready to Go**  
"Everything was all ready to go, including the press releases and bingo, it's off," complained Mrs. Vicki Feldon, president of the co-op artists.

Even more furious at the sudden change of plans was Mrs. Louise Mangun, coordinator of the City to City art program.

"It was terribly embarrassing. We had to call all the people we had invited to the reception and tell them it is all off. We had to crate the paintings the same afternoon we got the word."

**High Diplomacy**  
Apparently a super-charged telegram fired off to the Turkish Embassy in Washington, D. C., resulted in a diplomatic tempest. At least the Turkish officials in San Francisco, prodded by their own embassy, called Jahn to find out what all the uproar was about.

Jahn said that it was explained to him that the artist who painted the pictures to be shown here, suddenly had to return to Turkey and wanted to take the art works with him so he wouldn't have to pay duty on them.

Along with the art exhibit, the sponsoring committee had scheduled lectures and a general program of friendly relations with the sister-city.

## Fail in Try for Jury in Murder Trial

Efforts to select a jury in the trial of the accused killers of a reputed Mafia chieftain, will be renewed Monday.

To date more than 70 persons have been excused as prospective jurors for various reasons during four days of attempts to select a panel.

On trial for the slaying of Tony Mirabile, 65, a San Diego tavern owner, are Henry Thwaites, 46, a Torrance longshoreman and three other men.

Superior Judge William E. Fox kept attorneys in his courtroom until 7 p.m. Thursday in efforts to select a jury. The trial was in recess Friday.

## Woman Tries for Underwater Mark

A Torrance woman is trying to spend three days under water in the Ocean Aquarium as part of Hermosa Beach's Aloha Days.

## See Early Welfare Site Bid

Request to allocate a civic center site for a Los Angeles Welfare Federation building will be made to the City Council Tuesday.

The structure is designed to serve community needs of the Harbor area, and can be constructed immediately if the city provides 22,500 square feet of land at a token rental.

Glenn Koger, Harbor Area Welfare chairman, said that such groups as the Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Family Service, Salvation Army, Visiting Nurses and Catholic Welfare Bureau, would use the building.

The welfare group will allocate parking and ask for a long term lease for the property at a token rental.

The letter points out that the civic center is the population and geographical center of the area to be served by the Welfare Federation.

## City Group Flayed as 'Weak-Kneed'

A bitter blast at the "weak-kneed" League of California Cities was unleashed by Councilman Willy Blount Tuesday in a controversy over representation in the State Senate.

The City Council last week endorsed the Bonelli program to give more solons to the more populous counties, only to be told by the League that now is not the time to stir up a dispute with the rural counties.

"My stand is even stronger now... I'm not very proud of the League and I hope the council goes along with me. The majority is hamstringing by a minority of cow counties," Blount grumbled.

The League said it opposes the Bonelli plan until the controversial water issue is settled.

Mayor Albert Isen thought that perhaps California should be divided into two States.

"Maybe we should take more interest if we have that weak bunch of directors," Blount added.

## No Seals Until Trucks Cleaned

A proposal to put a city seal on all Torrance vehicular equipment may have to wait a little while.

Councilman Victor Benstead suggested that Torrance put the name of the city on its equipment, but Councilman George Bradford called for delay.

"You better wait until they're all cleaned up and put in top shape before you advertise," he cautioned.